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To Whom It May Concern:

As Undergraduate Advisor to the Baskin School of Engineering and Director of the Multicultural Engineering Program (MEP), I meet with many undergraduate engineers throughout their careers at UCSC. This group of engineering students has the dedication and skill to successfully complete the Undergraduate Senior Design project they have chosen. I am confident that each team member, John Ash, Shehadeh Dajani (current MEP member), Darrel Deo, and David Goodman, has the expertise needed to accomplish their task. I have full faith in these students and I would like to forward this recommendation to the Kresge Student Project Funds program to support them in their senior design project. Individually, the members of the group have each shown excellence in their engineering abilities, the students excelled in their classes, work environment, and have shown a devoted interest in continued work in their respective fields.

The project itself is a credible and commendable proposal; an autonomous life-craft with the capability of self-navigating to a drowning individual. Besides endorsing the team itself, I also have support for creating this potential product that has practical and noteworthy implications. At the Jack Baskin School of Engineering, we try to instill an initiative to engineer products that will leave a beneficial footprint on the world and nurture a constructive engineering society. The Autonomous Lifeguard Project and its members aim to do just that and I am very optimistic about it.

As I mentioned earlier, I have seen many students come through my office and these individuals are intelligent and enthusiastic, evident through their success in past classes, recommendations from previous Professors, and extra-curricular activities. I have no doubt that the project they are pursuing will result in both successful and novel outcomes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Lydia Zendejas'.

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